

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace Figure 7 of the drawings with the revised Figure 7, which is attached hereto as a Replacement Sheet.

Attachment: **Replacement Sheet**

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Claims 4-5, 8-17, and 23-30 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims define patentable subject matter.

The Examiner maintains that claims 4, 5, and 8-10 stand objected to because of informalities: "Regarding claim 10, the specification does not describe 'an inspection apparatus' with the details stated in claim 10. Claim 10 rather recites a magnetic tape drive that is shown in Fig. 7. Additionally, the beginning of claim 10 states 'An inspection apparatus of a head unit moving device...' The underscored portion should be deleted for clarity." (Office Action, page 2)

Applicant herein amends claim 10 to delete "of a" in claim 10, as suggested by the Examiner. However, Applicant submits that the magnetic tape drive 20, which is shown in Figure 7, can be considered a part of the "inspection apparatus" because it is needed to determine the responsiveness of the head unit, as disclosed in the specification, when the inspection use tape TT is being run.

Regarding claims 4, 5, 8 and 9, the Examiner maintains that the preamble of the claims teaches "a manufacturing method, and the body of the claims should set out the steps comprising the manufacture of an inspection use tape. Claims 8-9 are dependent on claims 4-5." (Office Action, page 2)

To address the Examiner's objection, Applicant herein amends claims 4 and 5 to conform to standard US practice for a method claim. Accordingly, the claim objection to claim 8 and 9 should be addressed as well.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the objection to claims should be withdrawn.

DRAWINGS

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because the optical sensor in claim 10 is not shown. Applicant herein provides a revised copy of Figure 7 with an optical sensor 35 disposed in the vicinity of element HU. Accordingly, Applicant amended the specification at page 13, lines 15-16 and submits that there is no new matter because the change merely conforms the specification, drawings, and claims.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-3, 6-7, 11-17, and 23-30 are allowed over the prior art of record. Applicant submits that claims 4, 5, and 8-10 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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